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O'Neill Moves to Preserve Little Pootatuck Brook



Open Space Initiative of Southbury Land Trust Would Preserve 42 Acres

HARTFORD- Representative Arthur J. O'Neill (R-Southbury) today announced his support for the efforts of the Southbury Land Trust to preserve forty-two acres at Little Pootatuck Brook on the Mitchell Farm on the Housatonic River in Southbury.

In a letter to Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection David Leff, Representative O'Neill wrote to endorse the Southbury Land Trust's application for funding to preserve the parcel.

Representative O'Neill noted in his letter that the Mitchell Farm is one of Southbury's largest and scenic family farms, and the Pootatuck Brook section is a key link in the emerging greenway along the Housatonic River.

"The Pootatuck Brook parcel is critical in linking the previously protected 650 acre Bent of the River Audubon Preserve with the riverfront," said Representative O'Neill. "Preserving this piece of land will protect a historical area, conserve a wildlife habitat, and preserve a beautiful landscape."

The Department of Environmental Protection is currently reviewing the application of the Southbury Land Trust for funding the protection of Little Pootatuck Brook.